

## Gertrude W. Baars, 85

Gertrude W. Baars, 85, died at Brendan House on Saturday, April 9, 1994.

She was born March 23, 1909, in Carrington, N.D., and received her education in North Dakota.

In 1952, she moved to Billings where she lived until coming to Kalispell in November of 1993. She was a housekeeper for various families while living in Billings. She enjoyed gardening and yard work, sewing, crocheting and needlepoint.

She raised her grandson and granddaughter and was devoted to her grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Henry Joseph Baars, in 1978 and her son, Richard Charles Baars,

in April, 1968.

She is survived by six grandchildren, Richard Baars of Kalispell, Ginger Bower of East Troy, Wis., Kathy Getman of Billings, Mary Lou Anderson of Fort Lupton, Colo., Jean Marie Derrick of Rapid City, S.D., and Michael R. Baars of Missoula; 10 great-grandchildren; and several other relatives.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday in Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Brooks Baer, pastor of Christian Center Assembly of God officiating. Following the services, the body will be forwarded to Smith Funeral Home in Billings where burial will be made in Mountain View Cemetery in Billings.

## Ethel Clare Baker

Mrs. Ethel Clare Baker, 97, of Kalispell, died in the Kalispell Regional Hospital on Monday, Sept. 19. She was born Oct. 3, 1896, in Creston, Mont., the eldest and last surviving child born to Chester L. and Alice Eckelberry Sheldon. She had attended Montford School and was a graduate of the Flathead County High School in the class of 1917. She had taught in rural schools and later retired from government service as a postmistress, having worked in Cunningham, Wash.

On Oct. 18, 1919, she married Alonzo "Lon" Franklin Baker. They were separated by his passing on Jan. 2, 1975, after 56 years of marriage. Mrs. Baker was an avid reader; wrote poetry; was very artistic with crocheting, knitting, latch hook, and rug making. She had been a resident of the Immanuel Lutheran Home prior to her death.

She was preceded in death by her nine brothers and sisters, Mollie Meacham, Emma Lois Weldon, Leonard LaVern Sheldon, John Kenneth Sheldon, Loren Wilbur Sheldon, Alice Zimmer, Dorothy Dyer Barr, Albert Richard and Clarence Edwin Sheldon.

She is now survived by nine nieces and nephews and numerous grandnieces, grand nephews, cousins and other relatives. Funeral services were held on Thursday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Rev. Father Joseph Sullivan of St. Richard's Catholic Church officiating. Burial followed in the Fairview Cemetery. The family suggest memorials be made to the Immanuel Lutheran Home.

## Irene Winona Baden

Irene Winona Baden, 82, died at home in Kalispell on Thursday, Jan. 27, 1994, of natural causes. She was born Oct. 1, 1911, in Baker, Mont., a daughter of Robert and Hanna Norman. She received her education in Baker and on April 6, 1933, married William Arthur Baden in Baker. In 1945 they moved to Kalispell where they lived since that time. Mrs. Baden was a member of the Lutheran Faith; Smith Valley Home Demonstration Club and the R.S.V.P. Sunshine Group. She was preceded in death by her husband, William, on Feb. 14, 1974 and numerous brothers and sisters.

She is now survived by four children, Gary Baden and his wife, Janet of Malta, Fay Anne Smith of Fairbanks, Alaska, Norman Baden and his wife, Sandy, of Kalispell, and Lyn Baden of Missoula; adopted daughters, Shirley Jahnke and husband, Donny, Kathleen Sutton and husband, Frank and Jeeni Cotton all of Kalispell; two sisters, Ruth Werner of St. Ignatius, and Helen Ames of Longview, Wash.; twenty-two grandchildren; thirty three great grandchildren and one great grandchild. Irene will be missed by many who have loved her. Her life touched many. She was "granny" or "Gram" to many beyond her family. She faced her illness with a quiet strength, much as she lived her life.

Funeral services were held on Monday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Dan Heskett, pastor of the Northridge Lutheran Church officiating. Burial followed in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery. The family suggests memorials be made to the Shriners Hospital, P.O. Box 2472, Spokane, Wash., 99210-2472

## Eva May Nowman Ballenger, 89

Mrs. Eva May Nowman Ballenger, 89, died peacefully, surrounded by her family and loved ones, on Friday evening, July 1, 1994, at the Colonial Manor in Whitefish.

She was born Feb. 3, 1905, in Orchard, Neb., in Antelope County, to Charles Washington Nowman and Jennie Griffith Nowman. She graduated from Coleridge High School, in the class of 1926, and later from Sioux City Business College in Sioux City, Iowa.

She worked as an accountant for Gaynor Lumber Co. in Sioux City until her marriage to Henry Earl Ballenger on May 7, 1933, at the Epworth Methodist Church in Kalispell. They lived in the Lower Valley, where they made their home and farmed and raised their seven children. Mr. Ballenger was a highly respected farmer, businessman and community leader.

Mrs. Ballenger was a member of the Assembly of God Church. She made a personal commitment to Christ as a teen-ager and raised her children to love and respect the God she served. She instilled in her children a strong work ethic, a humble spirit, and a desire to serve others. She had a deep love and concern for others. She was always a gracious hostess, and her home and table were open to all people.

She loved to travel and visit her children. A highlight of her later years was a trip to West Africa to visit her daughter, where she met and made many friends with whom she continued to maintain friendship.



She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Henry E. Ballenger, in 1965; and three brothers, Charles Stanley Nowman, William Wallace Nowman, and John Franklin Nowman.

She is survived by one son, David Stanley Ballenger, and his wife, Lois, of Kalispell; six daughters: Laura Ann Crone and her husband, Lloyd, of Newport, Wash.; Mary Lois Ballenger of Kalispell and Senegal, West Africa; Helen Elaine Benes and her husband, Donald, of Helena; Betty Ruth Volin and her husband, Ray, of Kalispell and Naples, Fla.; Birdie Celeste Faris and her husband, Terry, of Kalispell; and Bonita Susan Thomas and her husband, Bruce, of Tenerife, Canary Islands, Spain; her only sister, Jennie Ann Oaks, of Visalia, Calif.; 14 grandchildren: Michael B. Crone, Daniel D. Crone, Barry E. Ballenger, Brenda F. Ballenger Keightley, Gwendolyn C. Crone, Victoria K. Ballenger Graham, Kimberley K. Benes Tobiason, Danita R. Thomas, Dawnita R. Thomas, Melinda A. M. Ballenger, Christina M. Roberts, Daniel B. Thomas, Hailey P. Volin, and Douglas M. Roberts; 13 great grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday in the Christian Center Assembly of God with Rev. Robert Ross officiating. Burial will be in the Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Friends may call at the Johnson Mortuary from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Monday and from 9 a.m. until noon on Tuesday for visitation. The family suggests memorials be made to the Mission Fund of the Christian Center Assembly of God Church.

Arrangements are under direction of the Johnson Mortuary.

## Hazel Baker, 73

Hazel, A. Baker, 73, died July 11, 1994, at Libby Care Center. She was born Aug. 4, 1920, at Wheat Basin, Mont., the daughter of Elmer and Ella Swanson. She was raised at Wheat Basin and attended school at Rapeljae and Billings.

She and her husband Graeme resided at Bozeman for 20 years and at Oviedo, Fla., for 20 years prior to coming to the Libby area in 1988.

Survivors include her husband Graeme and two daughters, Kim and Kari Baker, all of Libby; a son, Kile Baker, Ellicott City, Md.; a brother, Stan Wenson, Billings; three sisters, Marie Dolan, Billings, Betty Peters, Powell, Wyo.; and Elaine Steele, Bozeman, Mont.

Services were July 15 at Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby. The family suggests remembrances to the Haze & Baker Award, care of the University of Central Florida; or to the Libby Care Center Memorial Fund.

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## Harold A. Bangs / 1994

Harold A. Bangs, 80, of Bigfork, died in the Brendan House on Monday morning, Feb. 14 after a long battle with cancer. He was born Aug. 24, 1913 in Norfolk, Neb., a son of Claude A. and Loretta Bangs. He served in the United States Navy with distinction for 25 years. One of his first tours of duty was with the Yangtze River Patrol in China for 3 years. Most of World War II was spent in the Atlantic Theatre. After 1955 he worked in Hospital Administration for over 23 years; his last work was as Project Coordinator, building a \$16 million-plus addition to Memorial Hospital in Colorado Springs, Colo. He also was a Mason and belonged to the Shrine Al Kaly in Pueblo, Colo. After his second retirement, he and Julia purchased a Morgan Stallion from Rapidan River Farms in Virginia. They moved to Polson from Colorado Springs and started breeding, raising and showing champion Morgan horses. They produced many show-stopping Morgans. After selling their ranch in Polson, they moved to Bigfork and have loved every minute of it. Harold was a very brave man, totally true to his word and had a great sense of humor. He was dearly loved by his family and friends, and will be greatly missed.

Harold is survived by his wife, Julia of Bigfork; a son, William H. Bangs and grandson, Jeremy Bangs both of Colorado Springs; one sister, Virginia Low of Lebanon, Ore.; two stepsons, William C. Saul of Denver, and Dr. Robert Saul of Greenwood, South Carolina; two more grandchildren, Bradley C. Saul and Ben A. Saul of Greenwood, South Carolina. Burial will be held in the Laurel Hill Cemetery in Neligh, Neb. on Friday, Feb. 18. Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 26, in the St. Patrick's Episcopal Church in Ferndale with Rev. Mike Morrissey officiating.

The family suggests memorials may be made to the Radiation Oncology Department, Kalispell Regional Hospital, Kalispell, MT 59901 or to the Flathead Hospice, 1280 Burns Way, Kalispell, MT 59901 or to the Brendan House, 350 Conway, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Johnson Mortuary.

## Donald G. Bardwell

Mr. Donald G. Bardwell, 70, of Lakeside, Ore., died in a hospital in Reedsport, Ore., on Friday, December 30, 1994. He was born August 29, 1924, in Beaverton, Mich., to Charles and Ruth Bardwell. He had received his education in Michigan and had served in the U.S. Army from 1943 until 1948, having served in the Army Airborne Division.

On November 24, 1955, he was married to Norma Mohn in Kalispell. Mr. Bardwell had worked many years as a logger and carpenter having worked for Bob Ross Construction. In 1978, he moved to Oregon and continued as a logger and carpenter until his retirement. He then helped his son construct his home in Kalispell.

Mr. Bardwell enjoyed fishing, hunting and the outdoors. He was a devoted helpmate for his wife and always considered his family first.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Iva Fenton and Claudette Schatz and a brother, Howard Bardwell.

He is now survived by his wife, Norma, of Lakeside, Ore.; three sons, David, Allen and Bruce Bardwell all of Kalispell; three sisters, May Fruchy and Ruth Bradley both of Gladwin, Mich., and Eva Rowe of South Haven, Fla.; five grandchildren; one great-grandchild and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. on Friday, January 6, 1995, in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Major James Goodwin of the Salvation Army officiating. Burial was in the Glacier Memorial Gardens where military honors were conducted by the United Veterans Organization.

## Gertrud Adelaide Barnes

Mrs. Gertrud Adelaide Barnes, 80, died on Thursday, November 10, 1994 in Sultan, Wash. She was born December 11, 1913 in Wolf Point, Mont., a daughter of Ray and Esther McNeil.

She graduated from Wolf Point High School and on May 14, 1935, she married Clarence Barnes at Wolf Point. In 1936, they moved to Kalispell where they lived until moving to Bremerton in 1941, during the war, where Clarence worked in the shipyards. They returned to the Flathead after the war, living here until returning to Bremerton in 1964 where she resided until moving to Sultan, Wash. 2 years ago.

Mrs. Barnes was active in Sunday School and church at Lone Rock Chapel at Seabeck as a Sunday School teacher, Sunday School Superintendent and Treasurer. She was active in neighborhood women's groups and Missionary Societies. She was a longtime member of the Central Bible Church in Kalispell.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence, in 1991; her brother, Adelbert in 1984 and one granddaughter.

She is now survived by one daughter, Betty Lessor of Sumner, Wash.; two sons, Merle of Anaconda, Mont. and George of Sultan, Wash.; thirteen grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren. She is also survived by two sisters, Muriel Sperry and Edna Munter both of Kalispell and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was a loving, caring mother, grandmother and sister.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, November 15, in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Ronald Youde, pastor of the Central Bible Church officiating. Burial was in the Glacier Memorial Gardens.

## Diane Celeste Barnhart, 41

Diane Celeste Barnhart, 41, of Columbia Falls, went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Friday, Aug. 12, 1994, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish after a courageous battle with cancer.

She was born in Whitefish on Dec. 25, 1952, to Floyd and Cecelia Barnhart. She graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1971 and attended C&C Beauty School in Kalispell. She worked as a beautician for several years and was employed by various Flathead Valley businesses.

In 1991, she began studies at Trinity Bible College in Ellendale, N.D., with hopes of going into missionary work.

Diane was an enthusiastic, positive person who rejoiced in knowing and serving the Lord. She teasingly proclaimed herself Barney's Angel No. 8 — sweet, kind, shy and lovable. We will miss her immensely.

Diane is survived by her parents, Floyd and Cecelia Barnhart of

Columbia Falls; a brother and his wife, John and Karen Barnhart of Bozeman; eight sisters and their spouses, Kathy Yang of Tacoma, Wash., Patty and Dan Arlt of Sandy, Ore., Sandy and Roger Erickson of Kalispell, and Cherie and Doug Dar-sow, Mary and Don Reynolds, Linda and Bruce Reynolds, Frances and Jerry Thomas, Jan and Dave Prier, all of Columbia Falls; and numerous relatives and friends.

A memorial service will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. at St. Richard's Catholic Church. The Rev. Darrell Newby, pastor of the Assembly of God Church in Columbia Falls, will officiate.

The family has suggested that memorials be made to the Assembly of God Church, Box 117, Columbia Falls, MT, 59912, for CLT Ministry, or Trinity Bible College in Ellendale, N.D.

Arrangements and cremation are by Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

## Edward F. Bartell, 68

Edward Frederic Bartell, 68, of Polson, died Sunday at his home in Mountain View.

He is survived by his wife, Polly, at the family home; a son; four daughters; eight grandchildren; a brother, Donald Bartell, of Polson; two sisters, including Carole Bolme of Kalispell; two aunts and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held at Mosley-Shrider Funeral Home from 1 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, with the rosary recited at 7:30. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated Thursday at 2 p.m. at the funeral home, with the Rev. Benedict Van Der Putten as celebrant. Burial will be held at Calvary Cemetery in Ronan.

The family suggests memorials to Brendan House.

## Katherine G. Barton, 92

Katherine G. Barton, 92, formerly of Bigfork, died in Portland, Ore., on Monday, June 6, 1994, of natural causes.

She was born July 3, 1901, in Harlem to William and Susie Granger. She attended school in Harlem and after graduation she taught in a country school and then attended Western Montana College in Dillon and then returned to teach in the Harlem Elementary School system.

On Dec. 24, 1924, she was married to Ralph L. Barton. They moved to Bigfork in June 1942 and operated the River's End Cabin Camp. Mrs. Barton was the Bigfork School District Clerk and secretary for 27 years, retiring in 1970.

She was a lifelong member of the

Order of Eastern Star and the Rebekah Lodge.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph, in 1945.

Survivors include her daughter, Wana Maurer, of Lake Oswego, Ore.; her son, Charles H. Barton and daughter-in-law, Marlene Barton, of Bigfork; five grandchildren; two great-grandsons; and her sister, Ameretta Kelly, of Orofino, Idaho.

Private graveside services will be held on Saturday in Conrad Memorial Cemetery with the Rev. Ron Pierce of Swan Chapel officiating.

The family suggests memorials may be made to the Montana Diabetes Association, Box 2411, Great Falls, 59403.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

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He was born Aug. 29, 1924, in Beaverton, Mich., to Charles and Ruth Bardwell. He received his education in Michigan and served in the U.S. Army from 1943 until 1948, serving in the airborne division.

On Nov. 24, 1955, he married Norma Mohn in Kalispell. He worked many years as a logger and carpenter for Bob Ross Construction. In 1978, he moved to Oregon and continued as a logger and carpenter until his retirement. He then helped his son construct his home in Kalispell.

He enjoyed fishing, hunting and the outdoors. He was a devoted helpmate for his wife and always considered his family first.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters,

Iva Fenton and Claudette Schatz; and a brother, Howard Bardwell.

He is survived by his wife, Norma, of Lakeside, Ore.; three sons, David, Allen and Bruce Bardwell, all of Kalispell; three sisters, May Fruchy and Ruth Bradley, both of Gladwin, Mich., and Eva Rowe of South Haven, Fla.; five grandchildren, one great-grandchild; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. on Friday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Major James Goodwin of the Salvation Army officiating.

Burial will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens, where military honors will be conducted by the United Veterans Organization. Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary for visitation until 6 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Friday.

## Marie C. Beach, 79

Marie C. Beach, 79, died of natural causes Friday, Jan. 14, 1994, at her home following a lengthy illness.

She was born Sept. 9, 1914, in Ramona, S.D., to Lewis and Mary Irene Smith. She was raised and educated in Bordulac, N.D. Marie graduated from Bordulac High School in May 1932. Her family farm was two miles west of Bordulac.

On July 2, 1935, she married Melvin H. Beach in Jamestown, N.D.

She was a homemaker all of her adult life, living and raising her family in North Dakota, eastern Montana, Great Falls and at the family home they built in Havre. In 1969, Marie and her husband moved to Kalispell where they resided until Melvin died in 1986. In 1988 she moved to the Clark Fork Riverside Retirement Home in Missoula.

She enjoyed her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, loved flowers, the mountains, homemade bread, eating at Skipper'+s and playing whist. She volunteered when possible at the Loyola Bargain Corner and adamantly followed "her basketball team," the University of Montana Lady Griz. She was a member of the St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church and the St.

Francis Alter Society.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Melvin; infant twin daughters; her parents; one brother; and one sister.

Survivors include one son, Dr. Wayne Beach of St. Louis, Mo.; two daughters and their husbands, Joyce and Ken Hicketier of Missoula and Mary and Larry Roberts of Great Falls; brothers, Henry "Bud" Smith of Seattle and Harold Smith of Tucson, Ariz.; sisters, Cora Rusher of Pendleton, Ore., and Johanna Edison of Kansas City, Kan.; 11 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be at the Livingston-Malletta & Geraghty Funeral Home in Missoula Wednesday from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m.

A Parish Vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. at the funeral home. Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated Thursday at 1 p.m. at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church with the Rev. George Dumais, S.J. celebrating. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell. Her 11 grandchildren will act as pallbearers.

The family suggests memorials to the St. Francis Xavier Church Restoration Fund.

## James Donald Beard, 80

James Donald Beard, 80, of Kalispell, went to be with the Lord Jesus Christ on Friday, Sept. 2, 1994.

He was born Aug. 18, 1914, to James E. Beard and Dora Mae Anderson Beard in Bushnell, Ill. He was the eldest of five boys.

James drove truck for Ruan Trucking in Davenport, Iowa.

He married Mary Opal Kelly. They were blessed with five children. Mary died in 1974.

James married Evelyn Nelson. In 1977, they moved to California, where they resided until they moved to Montana in December 1993 due to poor health.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary, and two brothers, Verle and Lyle.

Survivors include his wife, Evelyn; four sons, John Beard of Erie, Colo., Jim of Denison, Texas, Mike of Perkins, Okla., and Alvin of Moline, Ill.; one daughter, Patricia Cureton of Kila; and two brothers Vern of California and John of Galesburg, Ill.

A memorial service will be held today at 7 p.m. at the Hungry Horse Chapel, where James attended. The Rev. Rick Buzzell will officiate.

Arrangements and cremation are under the direction of Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory.

## Angus J. Beaton, 90

Angus James Beaton, 90, of Whitefish, died Friday at North Valley Extended Care of natural causes. *3 April 1994*

He is survived by his nephew, Don Porter of Whitefish and by a number of other nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Austin Funeral Home with the Rev. Charles Roman of St. Charles Catholic Church officiating. Private interment will be held at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

## 1994 Gertrude W. Baars

Gertrude W. Baars, 85, died in the Brendan House on Saturday, April 9. She was born March 23, 1909, in Carrington, North Dakota and had received her education in North Dakota. In 1952 she moved to Billings, where she lived until coming to Kalispell in November of 1993.

She had done housekeeping for various families while living in Billings. She enjoyed gardening and yard work, sewing, crocheting and needlepoint. She had raised her grandson and granddaughter and was devoted to her grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Henry Joseph Baars in 1978 and her son, Richard Charles Baars in April 1968. She is now survived by six grandchildren, Richard Baars of Kalispell, Ginger Bower of East Troy, Wisc., Kathy Getman of Billings, Mary Lou Anderson of Fort Lupton, Colo., Jean Marie Derrick of Rapid City, South Dakota and Michael R. Baars of Missoula; 10 great grandchildren and several other relatives.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Rev. Brooks Baer, pastor of the Christian Center Assembly of God officiating. Burial was in the Mount View Cemetery in Billings.

## Helena M. Beardsley, 53

Helen Marie Beardsley, 53, of Kalispell, died from natural causes on Tuesday at her home.

She worked at Mission Mountain Enterprises in Ronan for several years. *30 Aug 1994*

She was preceded in death by her father, Oscar, and an infant brother.

Survivors include her mother, Clara M. Beardsley of Kalispell, and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Graveside memorial services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. at Ronan Cemetery in Ronan.

Arrangements and cremation are by Shrider's Mortuary in Ronan.

## Donald Becker, 82

Donald Becker, 82, of Kalispell died in the St. Joseph Convalescent Center in Polson on Saturday. *1 Oct 1994*

No public services are being planned. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of the Johnson Mortuary.

## Lillie Mae Anderson Belden, 88

Lillie Mae Anderson Belden, 88, died Thursday, Aug. 11, 1994, at Lake View Care Center in Bigfork after a lingering illness.

She was born Nov. 27, 1905, in Lake Blaine, to Adolph and Hattie Lauman, one of 13 children. She was a lifetime resident of the Flathead and attended Lake Blaine School.

On April 10, 1924, she married Oscar Anderson. He passed away June 17, 1942. To this union five children were born. A daughter, Della've passed away Aug. 30, 1934, at the age of seven.

Lillie is survived by her daughters, Orletta Loveall and Venetta Kimbrell and her husband, Louise, all of Kalispell; two sons, Oscar Anderson and his wife, Betty, of Kalispell and Bill Anderson of Pueblo, Colo.; 11 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. She is also survived by one sis-

ter, Hellen Tower and her husband, Walt, of Midland, Mich.; three brothers, Chris Lauman of Sutherlin, Ore., Carl Lauman of Kalispell, Clayton Lauman of Somers; and several nieces and nephews.

She had worked in the shipyards in Portland for a short time during World War II. Later she managed restaurants and doughnut shops throughout the Flathead Valley, retiring at the age of 72.

She was a member of the Methodist Church.

In July of 1970, she married Ed Belden and he preceded her in death.

Everyone enjoyed her cooking and doughnut skills.

Funeral services will be held at 11 am. on Saturday in Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Marvin Northcutt of Epworth United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery.

## Jean Hebert Beckwith

*1994*  
Jean Hebert Beckwith, 85, of Kalispell, died in the Immanuel Lutheran Home on Tuesday, Jan. 11. She was born April 27, 1908, in Freeport, Ill., a daughter of William and Bobbe Hebert. She attended schools in Illinois, Missouri, and Minnesota. She was married to Glenn G. Conklin in Freeport, Ill. and they had three children, Beverly Jean, Glenn H. and Sally A. They were later divorced and she married Frank E. Beckwith.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank; a daughter, Beverly Jean and a stepdaughter, Joan M. Beckwith. She is now survived by a son, Glenn H. Conklin of Kalispell; step-son, John F. Beckwith of Antioch, Calif.; a daughter, Sally A. Sebring of Fort Collins, Colo.; a half brother, Kenneth Hebert, in Ore.; eleven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place. Graveside services and urn burial will be held at a later date.

## Laurence 'Larry' Sheldon Bell, 85

Laurence "Larry" Sheldon Bell, 85, of Kalispell, died at Brendan House on Saturday, Jan. 15, 1994.

He was born Jan. 10, 1909, in Kendal, Saskatchewan, Canada.

On Feb. 2, 1935, he married Frances Sievers of Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife, Frances, at home in Kalispell; his son, Kenneth Bell, of Columbia Falls; two granddaughters, Lorri

Ann Bell Cribb of Perth, Western Australia and Kendy Lynn Jensen of Lavina, Mont.; a grandson, Brad Lee Bell, of Columbia Falls; a brother, Wesley Bell, of Kalispell; and a sister, Gladys Alton, of Kalispell.

Private family services are planned. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

## Miguel Anthony Bell, 14

Miguel Anthony Bell, 14, of Bigfork, died Saturday, May 28, 1994, at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula.

He was born Dec. 18, 1979, in Tacoma, Wash., to Diana Bell. He was currently an eighth grader in Bigfork.

Miguel was a very caring person; he loved life. One of his favorite people was his younger brother, Mathew.

Miguel loved baseball and was a member of the Bigfork baseball team. His dream was to someday be a professional ball player. This last year, he took third in the state in wrestling.

Miguel loved to bowl. He was also the treasurer of the bowling league. He loved to swim, fish, camp and ride his motorcycle. If it had something to do with the outdoors, he loved it.

Miguel is survived by his mother, Diana, of Bigfork; brothers Terry, Kelly, Ted and Mathew; sisters Holly, Korry and Kasey; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at First Baptist Church of Bigfork. The Rev. Rodney Myrum officiated. Burial was held in Lonepine Cemetery in Bigfork.

Bigfork Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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## Duane Lee Benton Jr., 4

Duane Lee Benton Jr., 4-year-old son of Duane and Bobbie Benton of Whitefish, died at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish on Wednesday, Jan. 12, 1994, from injuries sustained from an automobile accident.

He was born Sept. 10, 1989, in Whitefish.

Duane's favorite color was green. He liked watching Ninja Turtle

movies and playing Nintendo games. He loved animals and especially enjoyed fishing with his father and uncles.

He attended Whitefish Head Start Program.

He is survived by his parents, Duane and Bobbie Benton of White-



fish; a sister, Samantha Benton and brother, Shawn Benton, both of Whitefish; two half-brothers, Philip and Justin Rhodes of Kalispell; paternal grandparents, Frederick and Charlene Benton of Whitefish; maternal grandparents, Virgil and Elma Rhodes of Kalispell; four uncles, Edward Benton of Martin City, Frederick Benton Jr. of Kalispell, Kenneth Benton and Calvin Rhodes, both of Whitefish; six aunts, Bobbie Swell of Canada, Robbin Benson and Shar Stoss, both of Kalispell, Jeri Benton of Columbia Falls and Gerri and Jay Skorke of Pennsylvania; one cousin, Grant Fisher of Whitefish; and great-grandmothers, Florence Parrish of Kalispell and Betty King of Kila.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday in Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Dr. David Kauffman officiating. Burial will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens.

## 1994 Lewis H. Bennett

Mr. Lewis H. Bennett, 95, died in the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell on Thursday evening, October 27. He was born September 3, 1899, in Ferndale, Mont., the son of John Fremont and Ella Van Tassel Bennett. Lew attended schools in Bigfork and Bellingham, Wash.

The Bennett family came from Michigan in 1890 and settled in the Swan Valley where John Bennett and his brother, Charles, built two log homes. The two story home was built for their mother and in later years was referred to as the "Black House", an old landmark. However, the mother found Montana too wild and returned to Michigan.

In 1900 the family moved to Holt, Mont., where Ella Bennett opened a boarding house. In 1910 she married Jack Tisdale and the family moved to Bellingham, Wash., staying six years before returning to Bigfork in 1916.

In 1920, Lewis married Harriette Bjork of Holt, Mont. They moved to Somers where Mr. Bennett worked for the Somers Lumber Company. In 1924 he worked in the tie yard and retired in 1964.

He was preceded in death by "Hattie" in 1965.

Lew loved hunting and fishing. Baseball played a big part in his younger years. He was a left-handed pitcher for the Somers Baseball Team.

In 1968 he married Velma L. Johnson and moved back to the Swan Valley very near his birthplace.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Thomas Bennett and three sisters, Amy Bennett, Gladys Bennett and Pansey Lust all of San Diego, CA. He is now survived by his wife, Velma, at home in Bigfork and three stepdaughters, Elaine Stallfuss and Marianne Lemberger both of Kalispell and Marjorie Johnson of Seatt'e, Wash.

Memorial services were held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday in the Bigfork Methodist Church with the Rev. James Cavender officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of the Johnson Mortuary.



### Katje Bentz, 83

*14 May 1994*  
Katie Bentz, 83, of Ronan, died Saturday at St. Luke Extended Care Facility in Ronan.

Survivors include her daughter, Yvonne DeLang, of Kalispell; a son, Ervin Bentz, of Albany, Calif.; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be at Shrider's Mortuary in Ronan from 1-8 p.m. today.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. on Tuesday at Christian Missionary Alliance Church in Ronan, with the Rev. Donald Brown officiating. Burial will be in Mountain View Cemetery in Ronan.

### Dorothy P. Benzien

*1994*  
Dorothy P. Benzien, 78, longtime Columbia Falls resident, died of natural causes March 8 at North Valley Hospital in

Whitefish.

She was born May 14, 1915 in Roundup, the daughter of Anna and Lewis Perrin. She married Roland Benzien Oct. 15, 1934 in Glasgow. He preceded her in death in 1961.

She is survived by three sons, Dennis, Meridith and Harvey Benzien, all of Columbia Falls; three sisters, Bernice Suttan and Ann Franklin, both of Hot Springs, and Dorene Benson of Crescent City, Calif.; a brother, Donald Perrin of Hot Springs; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

No public funeral services are planned. Arrangements are under the direction of the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. *FH*

### Donavon 'Don' N. Berg, 66

Donavon "Don" N. Berg, 66, died Tuesday, April 12, 1994, in Kalispell.

He was born Jan. 17, 1928, in Elmwood, Wis., to Nels and Fern Berg. Don lived in Elmwood most of his younger years, graduating from Elmwood High School. He worked in the plumbing and heating business for 12 years in Wisconsin.

He moved to Montana and married Eloise Hanson Aug. 20, 1950, in Glasgow.

Don worked for Montana Fish and

Game as a game warden out of Sidney for 10 years.

In 1981, Don and Eloise moved to Bigfork. He was working for Yeti Boot Co. as an accountant.

He is survived by his wife, Eloise, of Bigfork; a daughter, Laurie Rohda, of Cashton, Wis.; two sons, Gary Berg and Michael Berg, both of Seattle; three grandchildren, Peter Mortel of Huntington Beach, Calif., Elizabeth Engesether of Amherst, Mass., and Dylan Rohda of Cashton; a brother,

John Berg, of Prescott, Ariz.; a sister, Honey Hawley, of St. Louis, Wis.; his mother, Fern Berg, of Wisconsin; and his mother-in-law, Christine Hanson.

Don was preceded in death by his father, Nels Berg.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at Bethany Lutheran Church in Bigfork. Burial will follow at Bethany Lutheran Cemetery. The Rev. Herb Knutsen will officiate.

Bigfork Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

### Lillian Berg, 74

Lillian E. Berg, 74, a long-time resident of Troy, died Sept. 6, 1994, at Libby Care Center. She was born Sept. 30, 1919, at Williston, North Dakota, the daughter of Dennis and Goldie Dailey. The family came to the Troy area in the late 1920s where she was raised at the family residence on Iron Creek and attended Troy public schools.

She married Harold C. Berg Nov. 16, 1936. They resided at Vancouver, Wash., during World War II. She was employed in the naval shipyards, working as a certified welder. They returned to Troy where she had since resided. Her husband Harold preceded her in death in 1985. She had been very active in the Troy volunteer emergency services, serving for many years with Troy Volunteer Dispatch and also as a member and EMT with Troy Ambulance.

She is survived by two daughters, Ramona McKinney of Kila, Mont.; Charmaine Darvail, Rosebud, Mont.; three sisters, Elnora LeCount, Libby; Betty Dailey, Deer Lodge, Mont.; and Violet Molyneaux, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services were Sept. 9 at the Troy Church of God with Rev. Gene Bushnell officiating. Interment was in Troy City Cemetery under the direction of Nelson & Vial Funeral Home. *Libby*

## Kevin Dale Berger, 32

Kevin Dale Berger, 32, died Friday, April 15, 1994.

He was born Jan. 18, 1962, in Whitefish to Richard and Jordy Berger. Kevin grew up in Whitefish and graduated from Whitefish High School in 1980. He attended DeVry Institute in Phoenix, Ariz., and graduated in 1982.

He then moved to Los Angeles where he worked for Hughes Aircraft and TRW for eight years. In 1990, he moved to Seattle and worked in various jobs in the electronic field. At the time of his death, he was employed by Inova Corp., working as an electronics supervisor.

His dream of becoming a firefighter began with firefighting training in September of 1992. He was a certified E.M.T. and firefighter by the follow-

ing September. He volunteered at King County Fire Protection District No. 10 in Issaquah, Wash.

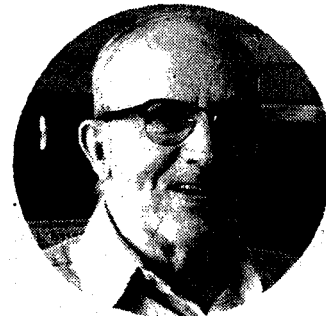
He is survived by his parents, Richard and Jordy Berger of Whitefish; two brothers, Rick and Mike Berger, both of Columbia Falls; one sister, Cindy, of Whitefish; one nephew, Zachary Berger; and his girlfriend, Carrie Legarey of Bellevue, Wash.

A memorial service will be held Tuesday at 1 p.m. at Whitefish Christian Church with Dr. David V. Kauffman officiating. At Kevin's request, cremation has taken place.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Kevin's name have been suggested to Flathead Search and Rescue Association or King County Fire Protection District No. 10, 175 N.W. Newport Way, Issaquah, Wash. 98027.

## LEONARD G. BERGSTROM

Leonard Gustav Bergstrom was born January 2, 1912, near Ardenville, Minnesota. His dad did general farming and drove tractor. He and Leonard's mother raised three sons and a daughter. Leonard was the oldest. Leonard completed two years of high school and joined the Navy. He served as a cook on a ship in the Pacific. Leonard has four children. The oldest, Lenny, is a cook at the Kalispell B & B restaurant. Bill (B.J.) works in the dietary department at Immanuel. Another son, Dick, is a retired Navy career man and lives in Ogilve, Minnesota. A daughter, Pat, lives with her children near Minneapolis. Leonard is a carpenter by trade. He came to



Montana from Pendleton, Oregon in the mid-1950's. He was a supervisor on the Libby Dam Project and worked on the construction of the Gateway West Mall, in Kalispell. Leonard retired in the early 1970's. He lived with his wife, Betty Lorraine, at 728 9th Ave. W. until her death in 1975. He lived at the Glacier Manor until June, 1983 when he moved to the Whitefish Extended Care Facility. Leonard moved to Immanuel on Feb. 15, 1984. He is a member of the Bethel Baptist Church and enjoyed activities at the Kalispell Senior Citizen's Center. His hobbies include fishing, dancing and card playing.

6 June 1984

## 11 Nov 1994 Helen B. Bergette, 86

Helen B. Bergette, 86, a long-time resident of the Tobacco Valley died early Monday at her home in Eureka.

She was born Nov. 20, 1907, in Tulare, Calif., later moving to North Dakota with her family where she was raised and attended school. The family moved to the Tobacco Valley in 1925. She married Harles Bergette on Oct. 27, 1927, in Eureka.

During World War II, she and her husband resided in Portland, Ore., working in the naval shipyards there. They returned to Eureka after the war.

She enjoyed horseback riding for many years and was very active in community affairs. She was a member of the Royal Neighbors of America and the Rebekah Lodge, and was a long-time member of First Baptist Church, serving for many years as a Sunday school teacher and Sunday school superintendent, as well as a deaconess.

She was preceded in death by a

son, David Garth Bergette, in 1947; her mother, Bessie Nelson, in 1968; and four brothers, Grant, Bill and Wesley Nelson and Hugh Hulbert.

Survivors include her husband, Harles, of Eureka; two daughters, DeLoris "Dee" Evins and Bessie Pluid, both of Eureka; two sons, Dennis "Rusty" Bergette, of LaGrand, Ore., and Sidney "Scotty" Frounfelter, of Ventura, Calif.; a brother, Walter Nelson, of Eureka; eight grandchildren and numerous great and great-great-grandchildren as well as nieces and nephews.

Friends may call at the Nelson & Vial Chapel in Eureka from 1-8 p.m. Thursday and until noon Friday. Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church with the Rev. David Hopper and the Rev. Carl Pershall officiating. Interment will be in Tobacco Valley Cemetery.

The family suggests remembrances to First Baptist Church, Eureka.

## Lloyd Bernardi 1994

Lloyd A. Bernardi, 81, of Columbia Falls, died May 12 of natural causes at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

He was born Dec. 17, 1912, in Eureka, Calif., to Cyprian and Cecelia Bernardi, and grew up on the family ranch in northern California and attended schools there.

He worked in lumber mills most of his life and loved to hunt and fish. He was a member of the Catholic Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and two brothers.

Survivors include his wife, Doris, at the family home; two sons, David Bernardi of Davenport, Wash., and Jerry Bernardi of Whitefish; three daughters, Barbara Thorsteinson of Whitefish, Cecelia Langton of Libby, and Carolyn O'Neill of McKinleyville, Calif.; two sisters, Kate Ross of Wechepec, Calif., and Marce Carlson of Arcata, Calif.; a brother, Archie Bernardi of Arcata; eight grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Funeral services were Monday at St. Charles Catholic Church, Whitefish, with Father John Hunthausen officiating.

## Philip Kenneth Bertelsen, 66

Philip Kenneth Bertelsen, 66, of Columbia Falls, died Monday, Aug. 15, 1994, in Spokane, Wash.

He was born March 30, 1928, at Bowbells, N.D., to Martin and Kathleen Bertelsen, the seventh of seven children. He lived the first seven years of his life on farms in North Dakota. He attended the first grade in North Dakota. In 1935, the family moved to Kalispell, where he attended school and graduated from Flathead High School in 1946.

Phil served briefly in the U.S. Army and was discharged in 1947 after serving with the Occupation Forces in Korea.

He was married to Shirley B. Morton of Kalispell on Aug. 1, 1948.

He held numerous jobs until November 1960, when he began his banking career with the Bank of Columbia Falls. In December 1967, he joined the First National Bank of Kalispell, now Norwest Bank. On Jan. 1, 1976, he accepted a position with First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Kalispell, now Glacier Bank of Montana. He retired December 31, 1992.

Phil was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls;

the Eagles F.O.E. No. 54, the V.F.W., the Columbia Falls Lions Club, the Columbia Falls Kiwanis Club, and a past president of the Chamber of Commerce in Columbia Falls.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Bud.

Phil is survived by his wife, Shirley, of Columbia Falls; two daughters, Jan Bertelsen-James of Eureka and Sally Kay Bertelsen of Columbia Falls; a son, Thomas M. Bertelsen of Whitefish; three sisters, Meinrada Lemmons of San Jose, Calif., Arva Hendrichson of Missoula and Phyllis Hanson of Zader, Wash.; two brothers, Edmund "Tim" Bertelsen of Libby and Neil Bertelsen of Libby; three grandchildren, Jayde James, Philip Neal Bertelsen and Tayler Mari Bertelsen; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls. The Rev. Peder Waldum will officiate.

The family has suggested that memorials be made in Phil Bertelsen's name to the confirmation, retreat and camp in care of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 596, Columbia Falls 59912.

## Violet Catherine Berry 1994

Violet Catherine Berry, 86, of Kalispell, died in the Brendan House on Sunday, June 26 of vascular disease. She was born April 20, 1908 in Sleepy Eye, Minn., a daughter of William and Hattie Jungers. She came to Kalispell from Turner, Mont., in 1922 and received her education here. She worked from an early age to help support her family and retired from JC Penney after many years of employment.

She was married to Elkin Berry on March 20, 1937, the first day of Spring because Violet loved flowers, the first sign of spring. To this marriage was born Barbara Ann and Robert Elkin Berry. Her children were her life, but her grandchildren gave her reason for life and she was so proud of them all. Violet was a true lady and taught all of her family the meaning of love and acceptance. She was an inspiration to all of us who loved her.

She was preceded in death by the love of her life, her husband, Elkin Berry in May 1991; her parents; one brother and one sister.

Survivors include her daughter, Barbara A. Murciego and her husband, Jorge of Seattle, Wash.; one son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Pam Berry of Kalispell; eight grandchildren, Ben and Tim Murciego, Bob, Kelcy, Jennifer, Christine, Scott, and Brian Berry; and one great-grandchild, Bryon Berry; two sisters, Dorothy Gibson of Kalispell; Mary Rathbun of Phoenix, Ariz.; one brother, Jim Jungers of Washington; and numerous nieces, nephew and many friends.

Graveside services were held on Thursday in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery with Rev. J. Torrance Harvey of Lakeside Chapel officiating. The family suggest memorials may be made to the Shriner's Hospital, Spokane or the Flathead Food Bank, 723 5th Ave. E. Arrangements are under the direction of the Johnson Mortuary.

1994  
**Dennis Charles Bertram**

**Dennis Charles Bertram**, 47, of Kalispell, died in the Kalispell Regional Hospital on Tuesday, July 19, after a lengthy, but courageous battle with cancer. He was born Jan. 23, 1947 in Kalispell, a son of Charles and Ceclia (Lengstorf) Bertram. He received his education in Kalispell graduating from Flathead High School in 1965. He attended Flathead Valley Community College for two years.

In 1965 he entered the National Guard and served for six years. He had worked for Stoltz Lumber Co; the US Forest Service and Snow Line Tree Co. He was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church where he helped run the sound system of the church. Dennis enjoyed music and was a voracious reader. He loved the outdoors, especially Glacier Park. He was a very gentle and loving person and was always willing to give himself to those who had a need.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents; and a baby sister in infancy.

Survivors include his parents, Charles and Cecelia Bertram of Kalispell; one brother, David Bertram and his wife, Susie of Kalispell; three nephews, John, Casey and Justin Bertram all of Kalispell; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services were held on Saturday in the Trinity Lutheran Church with Rev. Darold Reiner officiating. Burial followed in the Glacier Memorial Gardens. The family suggest memorials may be made to the Trinity Lutheran Church Television Ministry, 400 W. California St.

6 June 1975  
**David Berg**

Graveside services for David A. Berg will be held Tuesday morning at 10 in the Montana Veterans Home Cemetery with the Rev. Ray Davis pastor of the United Methodist Church, officiating. Military graveside rites will be held by local veterans organizations.

Berg, age 80, Montana Veterans Home resident and a former resident of Great Falls, died Thursday. Local arrangements are under the direction of the Van Leuven Funeral Home.

**Stella Keene Bierrum, 93**

Stella Keene Bierrum, 93, died Monday, March 7, 1994, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She was born May 16, 1900, in Minneapolis to Charles T. and Lenora Hewett Glasser. In 1923 she graduated from the University of Minnesota with a B.S. degree in art education. She taught in Minnesota for seven years, then enrolled in a variety of courses at Chicago Art Institute.

In Sept., 1931, she moved to Dillon to teach art classes at Western Montana College and in District 10 grade schools.

In 1933 she married William J. Bierrum. Over 30 years, she helped him in the planning of 13 homes, which he constructed in Dillon. In 1950 she returned to Western Montana College and continued to teach in the art department part-time until she retired in 1962. From 1963 until 1987, she and her husband spent winter months in Mesa, Ariz. Due to declining health, they moved to Kalispell in 1989.

During her many years in Dillon, she was an active member of the Presbyterian Church, AAUW, Mizpah

Chapter of Order of Eastern Star and Daughters of the American Colonists.

She was a caring friend and neighbor. She enjoyed taking special cookies or floral bouquets to neighboring homes, then staying for a leisurely visit. She also enjoyed working in her colorful iris gardens and packing picnic lunches for drives to wilderness areas near Dillon.

Throughout her life she found great joy in watercolor painting and music. When her grandson visited her in the summer, she would invite him to sit beside her on the piano bench and sing with her.

She was preceded in death by her husband and by their son, William Charles.

Survivors include her sister, Myrtie Houpt, and her husband, Don, of Spring House, Penn.; grandson Christopher, of Salem, Ore.; daughter-in-law Janet, of Kalispell; and cousin Sarah Hewett Stedman, of Columbia Falls.

A memorial service will be later at First Presbyterian Church in Dillon. Local arrangements are by Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

**William J. Bierrum, 93**

William J. Bierrum, 93, died Saturday, Jan. 15, 1994, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

He was born July 21, 1900, in Francesville, Ind., to Peter and Mary Bierrum. For several years, he attended a rural school near the family farm, then graduated from Francesville High School in 1919.

William Bierrum lived a long, full life. With his two year teacher's certificate, he accepted a position in Whitehall where he taught eight periods of industrial arts and social science, drove a school bus and coached basketball. For these varied responsibilities, he earned \$1,600 a year.

In 1925, he returned to Valparaiso University to earn a bachelor of science degree in education, which he completed in 1926. At that time, he moved to Dillon to teach industrial arts, economics and government. For 34 years his stern character, occasional humor and specialized knowledge became a legend within the halls and classrooms of Beaverhead County High School.

In addition to his teaching activities, he pursued his skills as a cabinet maker and craftsman. During many summers, he applied these skills and

constructed 13 houses in Dillon.

For years he was an active member in community organizations and was past master of Masonic Lodge No. 16 A.F.&A.M.; past worthy patron of Mispah Chapter, Order of Eastern Star; and past president of Dillon Rotary Club.

On Aug. 21, 1933, he married Stella Glasser. She has been a loyal, committed wife for 60 years and continues to reside at Immanuel Lutheran Home.

Other survivors include one brother, Ivan of Winamac, Ind.; his grandson, Christopher of Salem, Ore.; daughter-in-law, Janet of Kalispell; and several nieces and nephews.

His son, William Charles, a Kalispell architect, died in 1978.

Bill was an individual with tremendous energy. During his 63 years in Dillon, he spent spring, summer and autumn fishing and hunting. He relished these times along the banks of the Blacktail and Beaverhead Rivers and in the mountains of Beaverhead County.

Services are scheduled at 2 p.m. on Jan. 25 in the Brundage Chapel in Dillon.

The family suggests memorials to the charity of the donor's choice.

## Philip R. Biggar, 72

Philip R. Biggar, 72, of Kalispell, died in St. Patrick's Hospital in Missoula on Saturday, June 25, 1994, of complications following open-heart surgery.

He was born May 11, 1922, in McGregor, Manitoba, a son of R e u b e n Wellington and Edith Hotel Biggar. He came to Whitefish in 1929 at the age of 7 and was a graduate of Whitefish High School.

In July 1942, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served in the submarine service as a torpedoman first class during World War II on diesel boats, the USS Saury and USS Tigrone. He was honorably discharged in 1945.

In 1946, he began working as a parts man for Manion's Inc. in Kalispell. He then worked as a parts man during the construction of Hungry Horse Dam. He began working as parts manager for Treasure State Equipment Co. in 1951 and retired after 30 years.

On April 12, 1944, he was married to Gwen Evans.

Phil loved the outdoors and hunting, fishing and camping. In later years, he spent many hours working

in his vegetable garden.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Enid; and his brothers, Hugh and Richard.

Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Gwen, of Kalispell; two daughters, Sandra and her husband, Ray Jackson Sr., of Kalispell and Peg and her husband, Ron Herman, of Marysville; three grandchildren, Melinda and her husband, Tim Ferguson, of Kalispell, Phil Jackson and his wife, Alana, of Kalispell, and Ray Jackson Jr. and his wife, Denise, of Las Vegas, Nev.; four great-grandchildren, Zain and Jared Ferguson and Josh and Alyssa Jackson; three sisters, Gennette Wilson of Whitefish, Clara Knauss of Libby, and Sheila Calhoun and her husband, Bruce, of Whitefish; numerous nieces and nephews; and his dog, Maggie.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel, with the Rev. Russell Peck of Christ Church Episcopal officiating. Burial will be in the Glacier Memorial Gardens, with military honors conducted by the United Veterans.

A reception will be held at the Eagles Hall following the service.

The family suggests memorials may be made to the U.S. Submarine Veterans of World War II Scholarship Fund, c/o Robert Benites, 160 Lido Cr., Sacramento, CA 95826-1615.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Johnson Mortuary.





### Selma C. Birk / 1994

Selma C. Birk, 106, of Kalispell, died in the Immanuel Lutheran Home on Thursday, Aug. 11 of natural causes. She was born Aug. 6, 1888 in Grafton, Dakota Territory, a daughter of Thomas and Burget Thompson. She was the fifth of nine children. Her father was a farmer in Walsh County, N.D., and one of the first homesteaders in the Dakota Territory. After public schools, she attended Valparaiso University in Indiana.

She met her future husband, Ingvold, when their two fathers bought a cattle ranch in the Cuban Republic after the Spanish American War. They were married on June 22, 1910 in Walsh County, N.D. They lived on the Cuban ranch for 30 years before moving to Miami, Fla., where they resided until 1941. At this time they bought another cattle ranch on Lake McGregor in Montana. The ranch on Lake McGregor was sold in 1956 and the couple retired in Kalispell.

Ingvold died in 1972 and Selma moved into the Immanuel Lutheran Home in 1988. Selma was a member of the Eastern Star; the Sons of Norway; and a member of the Lutheran Church. She enjoyed painting and needlework.

She was also preceded in death by two children, one who died shortly after birth and her daughter Burget.

Survivors include her two sons, Robert Birk of Ocala, Fla., and Thomas Birk of Columbia Falls; eight grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren and 22 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Monday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Rev. Peter Ramseth of the Immanuel Lutheran Home officiating. Burial followed in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

### 1994 Kristina Sands Birky, 49

Kristina Sands Birky, 49, died at her home in the Lake Blaine area on Wednesday, May 11, after an extended bout with cancer.

She was born Nov. 10, 1944, in Kalispell, to Lawrence and Myrtle Sands. She was dedicated in the Assembly of God Church on Christmas Day, 1944. She attended grade school at Cayuse Prairie and graduated from Flathead High School. In 1962 she graduated from the Dental College in Seattle. On Dec. 31, 1962, she married Lawrence Birky.

She attended Flathead Valley Community College in 1981 and in 1983 the University of Arizona, Tucson, for a year of training as a surgical technician. She received her registered nurse degree from the University of the State of New York. She had been employed with the Kalispell Regional Hospital for the past five years, until she was unable to contin-



ue due to illness.

She and her husband had been active in the logging industry.

She was preceded in death by her father, in 1962.

Survivors include her husband, of Kalispell; son L. Randy Birky and his wife, Gaylene, of Kalispell; brother Lawrence "Sonny" Sands and his wife, Janet, and their children, Rod Sands and Talis Doran, all of Kalispell; her mother F. Myrtle Sands Vagle and her husband, Roy Vagle, of Karlstad, Minn.; four step-brothers, Royle, Neil, Mark and Tim Vagle.

She will be missed by a host of relatives and friends and co-workers. She was highly regarded for her work, and many have remarked about the care they received on the third floor from her. Kris, you are truly loved by all.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, in the Christian Center Church, 255 Summit Ridge Drive, Kalispell, Rev. Ron Pierce and Rev. Dick Bishop officiating. Burial will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Friends may call Johnson Mortuary for visitation 1-4 p.m. today.

## Helen Mary Bissell, 86

Helen Mary Bissell, 86, of Whitefish, died Saturday morning, Sept. 24, 1994, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

She was born May 28, 1908, in Hewitt, Minn., to Guy and Mary Martin. She attended school at Valley City, N. D., and received her nurse's training at Jamestown, N.D. She was employed in various city hospitals and veterans' hospitals, at Miles City in 1935, then Sheridan, Wyo., in 1938. She returned to Miles City in 1951.

She married Melvin B. Bissell in April, 1930, in Valley City, N.D. He died in 1974. She was a member of St. Charles Catholic Church in Whitefish. She was also a member of the

Golden Agers.

She was also preceded in death by a brother.

She is survived by four sons, Robert M. Bissell, of Bothell, Wash., James M. Bissell, of Whitefish, Donald M. Bissell, of Portland, Ore., and Michael D. Bissell, of Libby; sister Leslie Lawlor in Miles City; 13 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be 5-7 p.m. Monday at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. A rosary will be recited 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home chapel. Graveside services will be 1 p.m. Tuesday at Whitefish Cemetery. *J L*

## Gerald Blades 1994

Gerald L. Blades, 68, of Columbia Falls, died July 6 at the Virginia Mason Hospital in Seattle from complications of pneumonia.

He was born March 17, 1926, in Columbia Falls to William and Maude Mae Blades. He was raised and educated in Columbia Falls. He graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1944.

He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. After his discharge, he returned to Columbia Falls, where he worked on the construction of Hungry Horse Dam. Later, he worked in the woods for Russell Warner with his brother, Don.

He married Patricia M. Kelley on January 31, 1953, in Kalispell.



**Gerald Blades**

He worked at the Anaconda Aluminum Company plant until his retirement on Oct. 31, 1985. After his retirement, he worked at the Meadow Lake Golf Course until the time of his death.

He enjoyed the outdoors and attending sporting events. He volunteered his time in Columbia Falls for community activities.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Marie Vosburg and Flossie Davis; and two brothers, Don and Andy Blades.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia, of Columbia Falls; three children, Marcia Blades Shortell, Cynthia Blades Dubois, and Rick Blades, all of Kalispell; four grandchildren, Heather

Shortell of Kalispell, Beau Blades of Columbia Falls, and Whitney and Jeralee Dubois of Kalispell; two stepgrandchildren, Heidi and Bo Gabert of Kalispell; three brothers, Alvie and Bill Blades of Columbia Falls and Roger Blades of Twin Falls, Idaho; four sisters, Beau Beebe of Columbia Falls, Celestine Grigg of Whitefish and Jewel DeGolier of Kalispell and Ruby Anderson of Carpentersville, Ill.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was Monday at the Untied Methodist Church in Columbia Falls with the Rev. Ray Davis officiating. Burial was in Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery with military graveside rites.

The family suggests memorials to the American Lung Association. *H H*

## <sup>1994</sup> Eilene Norquay Birnel

Eilene Norquay Birnel, 63 of Kalispell, died in the Immanuel Lutheran Home on Tuesday, May 31, of a stroke. She was born Feb. 24, 1931 in Whitefish, a daughter of Flossie and Francis Norquay. Her father was killed on a hunting trip when she was a young adult. Eilene had a limited formal education.

On May 28, 1960 she married George Birnel at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Eilene was especially fond of her mother-in-law, who taught her to cook, sew, and keep house. She and George lived in Kalispell and were married 27 years before his death in 1987. Eilene was a member of the Salvation Army and had been a volunteer there for 20 years. She liked music, television and being with friends at Sykes Restaurant. For many years she traveled around Kalispell on her 3 wheeled bicycle.

She is survived by her brother, Bert Norquay of Kalispell and her sister, Alice Simons of Arizona. Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. on Friday in the Glacier Memorial Gardens. *K N*